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1. A meeting was held on 25 September 1947 at the Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Colombo-Sovietico (Colombo-Soviet Institute of Cultural Exchange), at which time financial matters, primarily related to the Institute, were reportedly discussed.
2. In this connection, Aleksandr Alekseevich Kartsev, Press-Cultural Attache of the Soviet Legation, announced that VOKS (All-Union Society for Relations with Foreign Countries) of Moscow had assigned two thousand Colombian pesos monthly for the following uses in Colombia:
 - a. Publication of Revista Colombo-Sovietica, which has not been available since April 1947. Five thousand copies are to be printed every fifteen days to sell at ten centavos a copy, or if necessary, at five centavos.
 - b. Stimulation of radio propaganda.
 - c. Assistance toward furthering motion picture propaganda.
 - d. Rent amounting to four hundred Colombian pesos monthly for the new quarters of the Institute.
3. It was stated that the total receipts derived from the sale of the Revista Colombo-Sovietica, from Russian classes, and from membership dues allow the following expenses of the Institute to be defrayed: 100 pesos per month for Ramon Minguela Prats, an employee of the Institute; 40 pesos a month for a porter; and 60 pesos per month for a part-time secretary.
4. Kartsev allegedly stated that, if the funds received by the Institute from its normal activities are not sufficient to meet expenses, additional funds would be made available from another source.

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